

NO NOVEMBER MEETING

Next Meeting MONDAY, JANUARY 26th, 2009 7:30 P.M. GLEN EDEN PILOT PARK 1500 Glen Eden Drive

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City To Roll Out Draft Of Updated Comprehensive Plan On Dec. 3

Raleigh residents are invited to attend the official release of a draft of the updated Comprehensive Plan for the Capital City. The City of Raleigh is unveiling the draft plan during a public event on Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Raleigh Convention Center.

The program will include short presentations and an open house. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet and talk with members of the City Council, Planning Commission, City Planning staff, and other City boards and commissions. The project consultants also will be in attendance. Summaries of key elements of the updated Comprehensive Plan will be available. Important policy maps from the plan will be on display, including a new land use plan.

The updated Comprehensive Plan will be the culmination of 18 months of work on the part of City staff and consultants. The plan will provide the framework to guide the City's growth through 2030. The plan has a firm grounding both in data and

analysis, represented by a 400-page Community Inventory Report; as well as an extensive public process involving six citywide public workshops, four community meetings, nine issue-focused roundtables, and two downtown-focused workshops. The City has reviewed more than 5,000 existing policies as part of the Comprehensive Plan update process.

The updated Comprehensive Plan has an expanded scope but is also substantially simpler than the current plan. It includes new elements that address land use, environmental protection, urban design, arts and culture, regional coordination and Implementation. At the same time, it is only about 25 percent as long as the existing plan, with 25 percent as many policy statements and action items. The centerpiece of the Comprehensive Plan consists of the future land use and growth framework maps, which set forth the vision and the mechanics of how the next two decades of growth can be channeled into a centered growth pattern served by a network of transit corridors, urban streets, and parkways. Guiding all the Plan's policies and actions are six core themes of (1) Economic Prosperity and Equity; (2) Expanding Housing Choices; (3) Managing our Growth; (4) Coordinating Land Use and Transportation; (5) Greenprint Raleigh; and (6) Growing Successful Neighborhoods and Communities.

The draft Comprehensive Plan will be available for review and comment both on-line and at City of Raleigh offices and Wake County public libraries. A special website will allow anyone with an internet connection to comment on every policy and action statement in the plan. Comments will also be accepted in any form that citizens may wish to use, from letters to phone calls. The comment period will be open from Dec. 1 through Jan. 31, 2009. During this time, the final three citywide public workshops will be held to provide another vehicle for input. These workshops will be held in January at the following dates, times, and locations:

- Tuesday, Jan. 13 at Providence Baptist Church, 6339 Glenwood Avenue;
- Wednesday, Jan. 14 at Moore Square Magnet Middle School, 301 S. Person St.; and,
- Thursday, Jan. 15 at Church of God of Prophesy, 1200 State St.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS







RALEIGH **NEIGHBORHOOD** COLLEGE

A great experience for Raleigh citizens Come learn how your tax dollars help make Raleigh's quality of life truly exceptional!

The Raleigh Neighborhood College is a series of 12 classes, offering an informative overview of Raleigh's city government operations and activities. The City of Raleigh, in partnership with Peace College offers this program to Raleigh citizens.

Spring session 2009

Cost: no charge (dinner included) Class meets Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m. at Peace College.

For an application, contact Kevin Smith 831-6117 • kevin.smith@ci.raleigh.nc.us

WANT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR **NEIGHBORHOOD'S QUALITY OF LIFE?**

Become a Citizen Area Liaison

and serve as a link between your neighborhood residents and any organization, agency, and resource, including, but not limited to, the City of Raleigh. See your neighborhood improve and thrive over a period of time and gain satisfaction and pride by knowing that you helped to bring about those changes. For more information, contact

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RALEIGH TO HOST **NEIGHBORHOOD USA's 2010 NATIONAL CONFERENCE**



Raleigh has been selected to host Neighborhoods USA's (NUSA) 35th National Conference on Neighborhood Concerns in 2010. The conference will be held May 19-22, 2010 in the new downtown convention center.

"It is a pleasure and we are honored that Raleigh was selected to host the 2010 NUSA conference, "said Hardy Watkins, director of the City of Raleigh's Community Services Department, which provides services to Raleigh neighborhoods. "A national organization like NUSA is an encouragement to our citizenry and the City of Raleigh. We recognize the importance of grassroots democracy, citizen participation, establishing partnerships with government and others, and transparency in the governmental decisionmaking process. NUSA will bring to Raleigh new ideas, and innovative approaches and solutions to addressing neighborhood quality of life concerns. The City of Raleigh looks forward to hosting this 2010 conference." For more information, contact Hardy Watkins, Director, Community Services Department at 831-6100



RALEIGH **NEIGHBORHOOD EXCHANGE**

Join other Raleigh residents and citizens for interactive information sessions addressing community issues. Dynamic keynote speakers share neighborhood empowerment successes from other cities.

Does Raleigh's quality of life and other critical issues matter to you? If so, we look forward to your attendance at the 2009 conference! For more information contact 831-6100

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



Now Accepting Applications

Do you want to enhance your leadership potential and grow stronger in your civic engagement with Raleigh's municipal government? If so, the Citizens Participation Leadership Institute (CPLI) is for you. Offered by the City of Raleigh & Shaw University, CPLI consists of 10 classes.

Spring session begins 2009

Cost: no charge (dinner included) Class meets Thursdays from 6 - 8 p.m., Estey Hall, Shaw University. For an application, contact Charlene Willard

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REGISTRY

To identify and support existing neighborhood organizations, Community Services offers a registry program for different types of neighborhood groups and associations, such as a neighborhood association, garden club, homeowners association, community watch program, etc., we encourage you to contact your neighborhood leaders and have them complete a Neighborhood Association Registry application. It's FREE to register. To Register, contact Charlene Willard 831-6095 • charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us

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